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### Group A Streptococcus in children (including scarlet fever and invasive Group A Streptococcus)

**Frequently asked questions** January 2023

These FAQs have been developed to provide information and advice on Group A Streptococcus and its public health management, including in educational settings, and are aimed at healthcare professionals and those working in education and early years settings.

They should be read in conjunction with:

- UK guidelines for the management of contacts of invasive group A streptococcus (iGAS) infection in community and education settings
- Guidelines for the public health management of scarlet fever outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings

#### Frequently Asked Questions

##### General information

What is Group A Streptococcus (GAS)?  
How is GAS spread?  
What is scarlet fever?  
How is a streptococcal throat infection distinguished from a sore throat?  
What is the role of GAS Rapid Diagnostics?  
What is the treatment for GAS infection?

##### Invasive Group A Streptococcus (IGAS)

What is Invasive Group A Streptococcus (iGAS)?  
How common is iGAS?

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## Details

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Target group

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